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*Volunteer and Service Opportunities*  
**First Unitarian Church of Rochester**

220 Winton Road South  
Rochester NY 14610-2956

**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF ROCHESTER!**

**This booklet is about matching your passions to the needs of the church.  
We welcome your time, your talents, and your ideas!**

We want you to experience the satisfaction and inspiration that results when you find the right volunteer or service job that's right for you. And we hope you'll find that "right" job is at the intersection where your values, talents, and interests meet the needs of others.

Our church depends on our ministers for leadership, spiritual guidance, and worship, but they cannot sustain the church without the help of the rest of us. As a community moving forward together, we need you to invest your time, effort, and love in our success.

Please explore the service opportunities listed here under each of our church's ministries. And since our needs are constantly changing, if you don't see something that fits your interest or passion, please contact me.

With gratitude,  
*Mary B. Jones*, Director of Member Services,  
271-9070, [Memberservices@rockesterunitarian.org](mailto:Memberservices@rockesterunitarian.org)

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

*The Building and Grounds Ministry protects the architectural integrity of Louis Kahn's design and vision, strives to be environmentally sensitive and responsible and maintains and develops a garden that supports the wider spiritual/ministry goals of our congregation while sharing natural and artistic beauty with our neighboring community.*

**Major Projects Planning Team (MPPT):** meets as needed to coordinate funding of and authorizes the implementation of Major Maintenance and Major New and Enhancement Projects. **Contact Clare Kerber; 271-9070, [ckerber@rockesterunitarian.org](mailto:ckerber@rockesterunitarian.org)**

**Major Projects' Managers Team (MPMT):** meets monthly to develop specifications, pricing and implements (after authorization by the MPPT) for the Major Maintenance and Major New and Enhancement Projects. **Contact Bert Schlabach; 442-7429, [aschlaba@rockester.rr.com](mailto:aschlaba@rockester.rr.com)**

**Minor Projects' Managers Team:** meets monthly to plan and implement the Minor Maintenance and Minor New and Enhancement Projects. **Contact Bert Schlabach; 442-7429, [aschlaba@rockester.rr.com](mailto:aschlaba@rockester.rr.com)**

**The Audio Visual Team:** meets as needed to plan, maintain, enhance and operate our Sound, Video, and Stage Lighting equipment. **Contact John Keevert; 473-0295, [jkeev@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkeev@frontiernet.net)**

**The Landscape Team:** meets monthly to plan, advise and implement landscape projects. **Contact Dick Fitts; 381-4846, [rfitts@aol.com](mailto:rfitts@aol.com)**

**The Bi-Friers:** meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday mornings to do carpentry, electrical work, etc., here at the church. Great opportunity to help the church and create friendships. **Contact John Looney; 387-0233, [jlooney@rockester.rr.com](mailto:jlooney@rockester.rr.com)**

**The Gardeners' Team:** meets weekly to plan, develop and maintain our gardens. Tasks include the planning and installation of new sculpture and plantings for our Courtyard Sculpture Garden. **Contact Keith Anderson; 267-7200, [keithanderson38@mac.com](mailto:keithanderson38@mac.com)**

**The Memorial Garden Team:** meets, as needed, to plan and develop our memorial gardens and other related recognition programs. **Contact Dick Fitts; 381-4846, [rfitts89@aol.com](mailto:rfitts89@aol.com)**

**The Aesthetics Team:** Guides aesthetic decisions that will keep changes in line with Louis Kahn's vision for our building and for our grounds, while responding to the changing needs and desires of the church's congregation. **Contact Betty Evans; 787-0065, [devans@rockester.rr.com](mailto:devans@rockester.rr.com)**

### **CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*We offer a rich and visible program that engages a broad cross-section of the congregation in providing our children and youth with a strong sense of religious belonging, understanding and living.*

**Enjoy little ones?** Volunteer in the Toddler Room with 3 or 4 year olds. Commitment: As needed, 1-2 times a month.

**Have a passion for art/theater/music?** Exploring outdoors? Social justice education? Be a Workshop Leader for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders! Commitment: 5 Sundays over a two month period.

**Love to "walk with" kids and help them learn?** Be a Workshop Traveler for 8-10Sundays. No preparation. Support and guide a group of children of one age group, K-5.

**Doing drama with middle-schoolers sound like fun?** Empowering teens who are coming of age or involved in Youth Group? Be their Assistant Teacher. Commitment: As needed.

**Like a one-time effort or when we're in a pinch?** Special Programming Days helpers and subs are always a blessing!

**Religious Education Committee:** We meet monthly to coordinate, plan, evaluate, and address issues that may come up during the course of the year related to the RE program. Term is 3 years; the company is always fun!

**Contact Sheila Schuh, Director of Religious Education; 271-9070, [sheilas@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:sheilas@rochesterunitarian.org)** [Volunteers need not be parents, but we do generally ask that you are part of our church for 6 months for longer positions.]

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

*Our busy office supports the needs of our ministers, members and visitors, in a welcoming and professional atmosphere.*

**Office Volunteers:** Weekday volunteers provide information to the congregation and visitors and give support as needed.

**Newsletter Crew:** Join this lively group on Thursdays, twice a month, as they ready the newsletters for mailing.

**Special Projects:** Have graphic arts, photography or *Microsoft Office Suite* skills? As needs arise, we will call you!

**History Committee:** Responsible for building the large archive of historical documents and pictures that our church houses.

**Contact Clare Kerber, Church Administrator; 585-271-9070, [ckerber@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:ckerber@rochesterunitarian.org)**

### **DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS**

*Members are encouraged to participate in area, St. Lawrence District, and national Unitarian Universalist denominational activities to deepen our understanding of faith tradition, and to bring our skills and talents to a broader stage.*

**Assemblies:** Recruit members to attend annual denominational business meetings as delegates or observers and participants (District Assembly in April; national General Assembly in June)

**Workshops:** District workshops are held in leadership, social justice, religious education, worship and the arts.

**Chalice Lighters:** Enables people from all congregations to give financial aid to chosen local congregations for special projects that initiate major programs, assist in securing professional leadership, or initiate a new congregation.

**Contact Suzanne McNamara; 385-3144, [shawmcn@aol.com](mailto:shawmcn@aol.com)**

### **HOSPITALITY AND MEMBERSHIP**

*We welcome newcomers to our midst through a Hospitality and Membership ministry that offers information, education, connection, and service opportunities at every step of the membership journey.*

**Parking Attendants:** Welcome churchgoers, visitors and ensure smooth traffic flow during services.

**Greeters:** Welcome churchgoers at the Lobby door and direct newcomers to the Welcome Table.

**Welcome Table Volunteers:** Ensure guests feel welcomed, sign the guest book, have name tags, receive orientation information.

**Ushers:** Welcome churchgoers to the Sanctuary, distribute *Order of Service*, ensure seating process, handle plate collections.

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Provide refreshments for after-service Coffee Hour, held in Susan B. Anthony Lounge.

**Contact Suzanne McNamara, Hospitality Team Lead, 385-3144, [shawmcn@aol.com](mailto:shawmcn@aol.com)**

**Membership Committee:** Plans and coordinates hospitality and social events and conducts membership surveys. Volunteer opportunities include coordinating, cooking/baking, serving, and/or cleanup. **Contact Mary B. Jones, Director of Member Services; 271-9070, [memberservices@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:memberservices@rochesterunitarian.org)**

**Life Now Radio!:** These podcasts are a joint venture between First Unitarian Church and First Universalist Church. Rev. Kaaren Anderson serves as the host and producer of the show. Volunteer reporters from both congregations allow the interviewers the opportunity to venture out into the world and find out how people live life, uncovering the many ways people bring meaning to their lives and grace to the lives of others.

**Contact Rev. Kaaren Anderson at 585-271-9070 or email her at [kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org)**

### **LEADERSHIP**

*Our church leaders establish clear priorities, roles and policies, invite constructive input, analysis and innovation, assure the financial future of our congregation and handle disagreements that arise in our diverse congregation.*

[While we encourage new members to start out with other efforts before moving to leadership positions, here are some key roles for you to consider when you are ready.]

**Board of Trustees:** This governing board is elected by the congregation for a 3-year term. Trustees are responsible for establishing the strategic direction for the church, establishing and monitoring our operating policies, raising and distributing the funds necessary to advance our vision and dealing with disputes that may arise from time to time. The ministers are accountable to the Board for implementing and overseeing programs and services that support our overall mission and goals. **Contact Larry Eldridge, Congregational President at 585-338-3721, [Larry.Eldridge@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Larry.Eldridge@rochester.rr.com)**

**Finance:** The Treasurer's Team helps with oversight of the church's financial matters. **Contact Steve Brown at 585-461-9137, [sbrown4641@frontiernet.net](mailto:sbrown4641@frontiernet.net)**

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**Annual Budget Drive:** Help ensure that our annual all-church Annual Budget Drive is a success. Volunteers are needed for publicity, canvass events, giving testimonials, and many other jobs. **Contact Rev. Kaaren Anderson; 585-271-9070 or email her at [kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org)**

**Fundraising:** We need coordinators for major fundraising events like dances, concerts, auctions, raffles, and dinners. We're always looking for new ideas! When there are capital needs, a capital campaign team may be formed. **Contact Rev. Kaaren Anderson at 585-271-9070 or email her at [kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org)**

**Legacy Committee:** Guides people in making estate gifts to the church. Also celebrates the legacy of the church and encourages each person to be good stewards for future generations. **Contact Cynthia Looney; 387-0233, [cslooney@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cslooney@rochester.rr.com)**

**Nominating Committee:** Elected annually by the congregation to identify qualified candidates for a variety of leadership positions in the church. They present a slate of candidates for a congregational vote each spring. **Contact Sydney Sutherland; 546-7586, [Sydney\\_sutherland@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Sydney_sutherland@urmc.rochester.edu)**

**Staff Personnel Committee:** Supports the Board of Trustees by monitoring salaries for our called ministers, providing insight into health insurance policies, and other personnel related matters. **Contact Tom Petrillo; 244-4882, [twpwrr@aol.com](mailto:twpwrr@aol.com)**

## MUSIC AND ARTS

*The Music and Arts Ministry offers opportunities for church members and friends of all ages to participate in the arts: music, dance, visual arts, and theatre. Through the arts we can enhance our own spiritual lives, find fellowship, support other ministries in our church community, and reach out to others in the larger community.*

**Adult Choirs: The 9:30 Choir** sings at our 9:30am Worship Service two Sundays/month. Rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm. **Contact Lisa Schmitz; 585-530-0007, [melodiesgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:melodiesgirl@yahoo.com)**

**The 11:15 Choir** sings at 11:15am Worship Service three Sundays/month. Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:30pm-9:30pm. **Contact Ed Schell; 271-9070, [eschell@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eschell@rochester.rr.com)**

**8<sup>th</sup> Note Chorus** sings once every other month, often on last Sunday of the month. **Contact Rev. Kaaren Anderson; 271-9070, [kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:kaaren@rochesterunitarian.org)**

**Combined Choir** sings a choral masterpiece twice a year with orchestra. *A Capella Choirs* and other small groups are formed occasionally with choir members to sing on non-choir Sundays. **Contact Ed Schell; 271-9070, [eschell@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eschell@rochester.rr.com)**

**Café Veritas Coffeehouse Concert Series:** Our volunteers have grown into a great community of music lovers and friends! Help organize coffeehouse evenings and/or enjoy great music on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays in Gilbert Hall. **Contact Mike Mullane; 425-0447, [mmullane@gmail.com](mailto:mmullane@gmail.com)**

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**Children's Choir:** Children's Choir sings in our Worship Services about once a month. Children ages 8-12 are welcome to join. Rehearsals held Sundays, 10:35am to 11:10am. **Contact Lisa Schmitz; 530-0007, [melodiesgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:melodiesgirl@yahoo.com)**

**Dance Group:** Join us to participate in or to create dance or physical theatre. All levels of experience welcome. Ideas for participatory and/or worship dances or social justice creations are welcome. **Contact Roy Wood at 585-254-6514, or Roy [dancmonkey@hotmail.com](mailto:dancmonkey@hotmail.com)**

**Drama Group:** Welcomes artists and organizers to put on our productions. Needs people to: perform, design/build sets, design/construct costumes, gather/organize props, create and print programs, do publicity, refreshments, tickets, etc. **Contact Lew Ward-Baker at 585-244-6968, [patnlew@rochester.rr.com](mailto:patnlew@rochester.rr.com)**

**Drumming Circle:** Community-building through drumming. No musical background is necessary. Bring your drum if you have one; 2pm-3pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in September - May. (December: Meet only on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.) **Contact Jean Bolinger; 730-5189, [firstudrum@gmail.com](mailto:firstudrum@gmail.com)**

**First Muse Chamber Music Series:** We host several chamber music concerts each year. Join us if you want to be part of producing what *City Newspaper* refers to as the "edgy chamber music series." **Contact Melissa Matson; 624-9649, [mmmviola@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mmmviola@rochester.rr.com)**

**Guitar Group:** The Guitar Group meets periodically to prepare songs for special services, kid's worship, or hymn singing. **Contact Mary Lyubomirsky; 385-1848, [lyubys@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lyubys@rochester.rr.com)**

**Handbell Choir:** Bronze Ringers are an advanced group of experienced ringers, rehearsing on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6:30pm- 7:30pm. They participate occasionally in our Worship Services. **Contact Ed Schell; 271-9070, [eschell@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eschell@rochester.rr.com)**

**Reader's Theatre Group:** **Contact Kathy Rivers; 473-0959, [k.annette.rivers@gmail.org](mailto:k.annette.rivers@gmail.org)**

**Second Friday Flicks:** Movies are selected and hosted by volunteer participants who give the introduction and lead the discussion following the film. Films are presented October-December, February-April at 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays. Please contact us with your ideas/suggestions. **Contacts: Bob Grinnell; [RGrin1@netscape.net](mailto:RGrin1@netscape.net) or Elaine Richane; [richanee@frontiernet.net](mailto:richanee@frontiernet.net) or Rus Simpson; [simpsonr@frontiernet.net](mailto:simpsonr@frontiernet.net)**

**Williams Gallery Art Committee:** We arrange and coordinate art exhibits in the Williams Gallery. New volunteers are always welcome to join this friendly and enthusiastic committee! **Contact Sue Ames; 377-8283, [samesRN@yahoo.com](mailto:samesRN@yahoo.com)**

*(More volunteer opportunities are listed on the next page.)*

## PASTORAL CARE

*We support one another through the pastoral care skills and activities of our ministers and lay members, bringing hope and healing in times of need..*

### **Volunteers are welcome in the following areas:**

**Offering rides** to/from church and doctors' appointments, etc.

**Distribute** December flower and Easter baskets to homebound.

**Offering** your talents as part of our chore service.

**Sewing** our caring quilts.

**Sending** out cards to church members at significant times.

**Cooking and delivering meals** for members as part of caring cuisine.

**Setting up**, serving, or cleaning up at receptions following Memorial Services here.

For more information on how you can help, please contact **Rev. Jen Crow**; 271-9070, [jen@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:jen@rochesterunitarian.org) or **Linda Hazel**; 473-0295, [lfj48@frontiernet.net](mailto:lfj48@frontiernet.net)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Acting on our beliefs through social justice initiatives, we engage our hands, voices and money to put our liberal religious values into action locally, nationally and around the world.*

**RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Housing Network):** We host homeless families overnight in the evenings here for a week at a time, four to five/year. We need hosts and meals. **Contact Sara Berger**; 288-0876, [sberger@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sberger@rochester.rr.com) or **Dean Brown**; 461-9137, [deansteve@frontiernet.net](mailto:deansteve@frontiernet.net)

**Peace Advocates Task Force:** Working to bring the troops home from Iraq and to question our reliance on military might in general. Volunteer opportunities: setting up/attending peace vigils here; hosting our Sunday table here once/month or tables at community events; preparing food for quarterly military families dinners held here, etc. **Contact Andrea Porter**, 467-9432, [porter.aa@gmail.org](mailto:porter.aa@gmail.org)

**Honduras Project:** We seek to improve the quality of life and health in San Jose, San Marcos del la Sierra. There are a variety of ways volunteers can get involved. **Contact Mary Jane (MJ) Curry**; [mjcurry@Warner.rochester.edu](mailto:mjcurry@Warner.rochester.edu) or **contact Barbara Gawinski** at 585-442-8111, [Barbara\\_Gawinski@URMC.rochester.edu](mailto:Barbara_Gawinski@URMC.rochester.edu)

**UU/School 22 Partnership:** Providing educational enrichment support to the children and staff at School 22 and at the Children's School. We need volunteers work to work with children in classrooms, after-school clubs, or the library. **Contact Stuart Burke**; 381-8146, [stuartmburke@aol.com](mailto:stuartmburke@aol.com)

**Reproductive Rights Task Force:** Focused on maintaining legal access to abortion, broadening access to emergency contraception, and securing comprehensive sexual education in public schools. Volunteer opportunities include: meeting with legislators, letter writing, condom distribution, and special events. **Contact Tris Downer** at 585-582-2843, [tris@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tris@rochester.rr.com)

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**3H (Hunger, Housing, and Homelessness) Task Force:** Help is needed supplying Sunday dinner at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality as well as at tables for letter writing. **Contact: Pat Swinton**; 585-288-8112, [nereid7@juno.com](mailto:nereid7@juno.com) or **contact Sydney Sutherland** at 585-546-7586, [sydney\\_sutherland@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:sydney_sutherland@urmc.rochester.edu)

**Justice For Low Wage Workers Task Force:** In 2010, joining the national effort by UUSC and *Let Justice Roll* to achieve a \$10/minimum wage. Augmenting Rev. Kaaren Anderson's effort with *Rochester Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice* to institute fair Community Organizing Standards. Seeking remedies and actions, where needed. **Contact Carole Hoffman** at 585-381-9129, [choffman002@rochester.rr.com](mailto:choffman002@rochester.rr.com)

**The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee:** Focused on advancing social justice and human rights nationally and internationally. Volunteers needed to help with the *Guest At Your Table* program (November/December), UUSC holiday card sales, expanding membership and responding to action alerts. **Contact Jack Maniloff**, [jkmf@mail.rochester.edu](mailto:jkmf@mail.rochester.edu)

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

*We offer a rich array of small groups through which members find community, challenge, and personal growth.*

**Soul Matters Group Facilitation:** Soul Matters groups meet at a variety of times once a month to discuss topics related to monthly sermon themes. Group leaders facilitate meetings and take part in monthly facilitator trainings. **Contacts: Rev. Scott Tayler**; [scott@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:scott@rochesterunitarian.org) or **Rev. Jen Crow**; [jen@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:jen@rochesterunitarian.org) or **Mary B. Jones**; [memberservices@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:memberservices@rochesterunitarian.org)

**Small Group/Adult Education Facilitation:** Groups meet throughout the year and cover a wide range of topics (literature, personal growth, theology, etc.). Facilitators work with Jen to establish programs and content. **Contact Rev. Jen Crow**; 271-9070, [jen@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:jen@rochesterunitarian.org)

## WORSHIP

*Worship is a team effort. There are many opportunities to help enhance the worship experience of our community.*  
[Please refer to the Membership and Hospitality portion of this booklet for more opportunities to help.]

**Décor:** Help to decorate the front of the Sanctuary before Sunday Worship Services. **Contact Anita Rosenfeld** at 585-442-7285, [awrosel@aol.com](mailto:awrosel@aol.com)

**Audio Visual:** AV team provides DVDs and technical support during Worship Services. **Contact John Keevert** at 585-473-0295, [jkeev@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkeev@frontiernet.net)